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DATE March 25, 2016

NEWS RELEASE

John Perry Booked into El Paso County Jail

Date/Time: 03-24-16
Address: 601 Overland
Offender: John Paul PERRY, 45 years old of El Paso Texas

EL PASO, TX: El Paso Police have booked the man responsible for Officer David Ortiz' Murder into the El Paso County Detention Facility. John Paul PERRY was arrested near Abilene Texas on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 and was being held in the Taylor County Jail. On Thursday evening, March 24, 2016, PERRY was returned to El Paso and booked. PERRY has been charged with Capital Murder in the death of El Paso Police Officer David ORTIZ who was struck by a vehicle that was being driven by PERRY on March 10, 2016. The investigation led to facts being obtained by Detectives that indicated PERRY acted with intent when he crashed the Kia into ORTIZ's police motorcycle. Detectives also learned that PERRY had taken the Kia without the owners permission. That investigation led to an additional charge of Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. PERRY is currently being held at the El Paso County Detention Facility. He has a \$10,000.00 bond for the Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle and NO BOND for the Capital Murder charge.

History March 24, 2016:

EL PASO, TX: El Paso Police have charged the man who struck and killed Officer David ORTIZ with Capital Murder. The incident occurred on March 10, 2016 near the intersection of Lee Trevino and Vista Del Sol when 45 year old John Paul PERRY was driving a 2006 Kia Optima and intentionally drove the vehicle into Officer ORTIZ's police motorcycle while the officer was stopped for a red traffic signal. Officer ORTIZ was transported with life threatening injuries to Del Sol Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries on March 14, 2016. The incident was initially believed to be an accident and was being handled by the Special Traffic Investigations Unit. As the investigation unfolded information was obtained that led police to believe the incident was in fact intentional. El Paso Police Crimes Against Person's Detectives were brought in to assist in the investigation. With the assistance of Texas State Troopers, the Merkel Police Department and Abilene Police it has been learned that PERRY observed the officer and made a decision to drive his vehicle into the police motorcycle which ultimately led to the officer's death. On Wednesday March 23, 2016, El Paso Police Detectives travelled to Merkel Texas where they ultimately charged PERRY with Capital Murder for his actions on March 10, 2016. PERRY was booked into the Taylor County Jail and will be returned to El Paso once the investigation concludes in Merkel.

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